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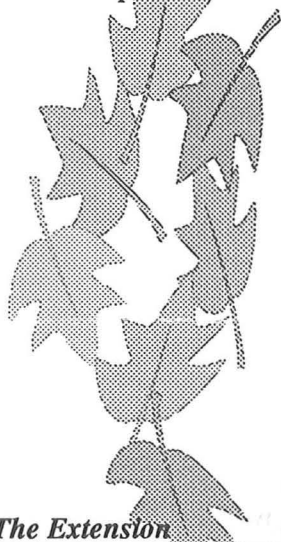
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The Extension

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News from the President

Marlene Bireley

I am pleased to greet you as your new president. Even though this starts the twelfth year of my retirement, I continue to think of mid-September as the beginning of the new year. In anticipation of that upcoming event, the WSURA Board has been busy planning activities befitting this "early" millennium.

First, a thank you and well done to outgoing president **Shirley Monnin**. In addition to the usual presidential duties, she has spent countless hours overseeing our move into temporary quarters and procuring new furniture for our suite. We are looking forward to having a permanent place in Allyn Hall after the renovations are complete (hopefully, by next summer). In the meantime, drop by and see us in 126 Allyn Hall. We are cozy, but functional.

Second, I would like to commend **President Goldenberg**, **Provost Moore**, and **Associate Provost Howard** for their willingness to share time with us and for their personal and professional support of WSURA and the goals that we have outlined for them. Each of them has expressed the wish for our members to continue as an integral part of the Wright State community.

In anticipation of a new cycle of activities, we completed several important tasks last spring. The standing committees were streamlined and restructured, a formal budget was prepared for the first time, and twenty goals were established for the upcoming year. Organizationally, this year we will update the bylaws, publish a membership directory, and work on developing a website that will provide an instant link to our on-line members.

Our main thrust this year will be to increase service to and enhance participation of members. We have planned a number of social options for Fall Quarter including the reintroduction of quarterly meetings with speakers. We have formatted our calendar to be more user friendly. We hope that you will put the dates that interest you on your own calendar at once and return necessary information to us as quickly as possible.

In addition to these projects, several WSURA members are involved in finalizing plans for an Institute for Learning in Retirement. Board member **Nick Davis** is in charge of this project as part of his duties in Continuing Education. Start up dates for classes will be later this year. Look for a detailed explanation of this exciting venture in the next *Extension*. Several of our members, in particular **Alice Swinger**, were responsible for presenting this concept to the administration.

Current members may be interested to know this issue of *The Extension* will be sent to the nearly two hundred new retirees who are taking advantage of this buy-out cycle. We welcome this group to the ranks of "the people who walk around campus smiling" as we are often described. We hope that you will come to see that WSURA can be your



Marlene Bireley, new WSURA president.

continuing link to your colleagues and interests at Wright State. We urge you to join our organization, our activities, and our growth. If you are leaving the Miami Valley, *The Extension* can serve as your window to campus happenings and news about other retirees. We are looking forward to seeing you at our fall events or hearing from you in our news from the out-of-towners.

I hope that all of you will share my enthusiasm in anticipation of a wonderful and productive new year!

Committee Structure and Needs

Marlene Bireley, President

I have asked the four past presidents and Board member Evelyn Beaty to activate the Historical Preservation Committee so that we may organize our growing archives. Lew Shupe will chair. Not only do we have organization records, newsletters, etc., but some retiring faculty and staff have given us pictures and other memorabilia of the early days of the university. We consider preservation of these treasures to be an important function of WSURA and will be working with Archivists Dawne Dewey and Bessie Karras on this project.

I would like very much to expand several other committees to include non-Board members. Our needs are these:

Bylaws and Elections Committee—2 or 3 members—work on bylaws in October, November; prepare slate of officers and oversee elections in March, April. Joanne Risacher, Gary Barlow, and I will serve on this committee.

Publications Committee—2 or 3 members with writing and/or editorial experience to write and/or solicit articles; to monitor and condense news from campus publications for inclusion in *The Extension*—four issues annually. Elizabeth Harden is Communications Coordinator.

Activities Committee—several members—help plan future programs and organize small interest groups; call or e-mail members who have expressed interest in a particular activity; help host quarterly luncheons and other activities—once or twice per quarter. President-elect Leone Low will chair this committee. Alice Swinger will continue overseeing some of the PHD (Planning happy, healthy days) events.

Service Committee—several—to serve on university committees or special events committees as requested by the administration; possible involvement with the University College including direct work with incoming

freshmen. Intermittent need. Bob Wagley will chair this committee.

Membership Subcommittee—several—Will Hutzler and Alice Swinger will serve on this subcommittee of the Finance Committee. The purpose of this subcommittee is to maintain and increase membership and member participation.

Please call or e-mail the WSURA Office or call or e-mail me personally at MKBPHD@aol.com or 426-9648 if you would like to serve on a committee. Don't hesitate even if you are a frequent traveler (most of us are). Participate when you can. We hold no meetings after the December open house until the first of February.

From the Communications Coordinator

Elizabeth Harden

Thank you most warmly for electing me your Communications Coordinator for next year. Dr.

Bireley's "Committee Structure and Needs" includes a revised description of the position. In the near future, we hope to formalize committee membership and publish editorial guidelines relating to such matters as content, length, style, and mechanics. WSURA publications include three areas: the brochure (updated periodically); the membership directory (in the process of being developed); and the newsletter (*The Extension*).

Since its inception, *The Extension* has served as the major means of communicating with our membership. It seeks to inform you about the organization's routine business (policy and procedures updates, committee functions, and forthcoming events). It also seeks to keep members informed about other members ("The Out-of-Towners"), to provide news about campus and university happenings—and about retirement in general.

The WSURA Board views *The Extension* as a collaborative venture in that members are cordially invited to submit items (poems, short human-interest articles, travel pieces, autobiographical notes of interest, humorous pieces...)

We welcome your participation. And let us know what else you would like to have included in *The Extension*. Please send your submissions, comments and/or suggestions to Elizabeth Harden, Editor, *The Extension*, WSU Retirees Office, 126M Student Services, WSU, Dayton, OH 45435.

WSURA Fall Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Place	Cost	Contact Cut off Date
Sept. 1	Dutch treat luncheon*	Faculty dining room annex	Individual	None
Sept. 21	Grand Victoria Casino**	Meet Jim's Mini-tours bus at 9 a.m.-Dayton Mall	\$10 pre-paid	WSURA Office/ Sept. 10
Oct. 6	Dutch treat luncheon	Faculty dining room	Individual	None
Oct. 13	Fall luncheon a.m.*** "Flying with the Wrights" Dawne Dewey, Archivist, speaker	441 Dunbar Library 156 Student Union	\$10 pre-paid	WSURA Office/Oct. 1
Nov. 3	Dutch treat luncheon	Faculty dining room annex	Individual	None
Nov. 9	Dining out****	Wellington Grille 2450 Dayton-Xenia Rd. Beavercreek	Individual	WSURA Office/ Nov. 3
Dec. 1	Open House*****	126 Allyn Hall	None	None

Additional details:

Dutch treat luncheons*—Officers eat together each month after the monthly board meeting in the Faculty Dining Room Annex. We welcome any member who would like to join us to chat on an informal basis.

Grand Victoria Casino Trip**—Bus leaves from in front of Penney's at the Dayton Mall (facing Highway 725) at 9 a.m. and will return at approximately 6 p.m. Cost includes transportation, buffet lunch, four hours of gambling. If our group is large enough, we will have a WSURA only bus, so bring your spouse and friends! Contact **Marlene Bireley** if you have questions; send reservation check to WSURA Office, 126 Allyn Hall, by Sept. 10. Check made out to WSURA; denote Casino trip.

Fall luncheon***—This will mark the return of quarterly luncheons with speakers and is our first combined meeting. We expect several members of the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association to join us. Also, new retirees are being invited as well. **Dawne Dewey**, WSU Archivist, will speak and show artifacts in Room 441 in the Dunbar Library before lunch and slides at the luncheon. Join us for coffee in the library between 10 and 10:30; talk from 10:30 to 11:45; lunch and slides from noon to 2 p.m. in 156 Student Union. Contact **Marlene Bireley** if you

have questions; send reservation check to WSURA Office. Check made out to WSURA; denote Oct. 13 luncheon and meat or vegetarian. The main dish will be either a chicken croissant sandwich or a vegetarian wrap. Spouses are welcome!

Dining out****—November 9 at 5:30 p.m.—We will kick-off our successful dining out series at the Wellington Grille, 2450 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek (about one-half mile east of the high school). The Grille has early diner specials including vegetarian selections. Call WSURA Office for reservations by November 3. **Leone Low** is the contact person. Spouses and friends are encouraged to attend.

Open House*****—December 1—This has been our traditional time to visit the office and officers as well as old friends and members of the administration. Our temporary quarters are crowded, but we will be happy to see you and squeeze you in! Allyn Hall is now closed for renovation. We are in the Student Services hallway between Allyn and Millett, closest to Allyn.

Note: For the Grand Victoria Casino trip and/or Luncheons please indicate:

- Your name
- Telephone number/e-mail address
- Which trip
- Choice of menu for luncheons

We were excited to hear from three of our out-of-town-ers: **Dr. Willis Stoesz**, Professor Emeritus of Religion (ret 8/93); **Virginia Phillips**, former university bookstore assistant and textbook buyer (ret 1/87); and **Francis Goeggel**, former university bookstore manager (ret 8/88).

The Out Towners

Elizabeth Harden

Will and his wife Doloras moved to St. Paul to be near their two married daughters and two grandchildren who live in the twin cities; their married son lives in Seattle. Will writes that both he and his wife are "from this area. We've come home after years on the road. We have a smaller house and yard than we did in Dayton, but we live in a neighborhood near stores and shops and near some fine walking paths."

Will is continuing his scholarly activities. He is currently overseeing the publication process of his book, *The Living Way*, and has edited a book of stories about the founder of Kurozunikyō, a Shinto sect. Will enjoys gardening and carpentry, and since retirement, he and his wife have traveled extensively in the United States—as well as in England and Japan.

"Retirement was for me a good move," Will writes. "We've not regretted the decision for a moment." He sends greetings to all of his friends and colleagues who are still at WSU. The Stoeszes may be reached at 2180 Bogard Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116.

Faculty and staff who were at WSU during the '70's and '80's will remember **Virginia Phillips** with special

warmth and affection because of her competence, knowledge, and dedication. If a publisher had sent a wrong text, too few books had been ordered for a class, a book was out of print, a text had to be rushed for a late order—Virginia Phillips was the person to go to.

Virginia writes that she and her husband Jim traveled throughout the United States from 1988-1995. In recent years, they have been less active because of health problems. Volunteer work includes making lap robes and house shoes for a local VA hospital.

"I still miss everyone at WSU," Virginia writes. "I think it's great what you all have accomplished with WSURA since it started."

Virginia and her husband reside at 17347 Meadow Lake Circle, Ft. Meyers, FL 33912-2546.

Francis Goeggel (known to his friends as Mr. G) managed the WSU bookstore from 1974-1988. I recently had a delightful phone chat with him and his wife Delores. They spend half of the year in Dayton and the other half at their home in Boynton, FL.

Mr. G enjoys gardening and carpentry and redecorating (with Delores) their home in Florida. They have three sons (who reside respectively in Houston, Dallas, and New Orleans) and one granddaughter. In route to and from Florida, they visit old friends in Houston, Dallas, and St. Louis. This year Delores will help celebrate her 50th high school reunion in Kirkwood, MO.

The Goeggels send warm greetings to all of their friends. They may be reached at 1981 Kershner Road, Dayton, OH 45414-1205.

Coming to the United States

Krishan Gorowara**

It was January 1959 when I finally got my Ph.D. from the University of New Delhi. Since I wanted to see how Math was being taught in other parts of the world, I sent my resume to the Mathematical Association of America and started dealing with all the hurdles in my way to materialize my dreams. One day I got a call from the University of Montana. I accepted the offer, and Senator Mike Mansfield sponsored our family. Since the University of New Delhi refused to give me a leave of absence, I decided to resign.

On August 15, 1962, my wife, three-year-old son, and I flew east, touching Hawaii the same day and gaining a day at the same time. After coming from hot and

crowded Delhi, Montana felt like heaven. Its sparsely populated open spaces, natural beauty at its finest, and the bluest sky we had ever seen won our hearts right away. Our weekend trips to Glacier National Park in the North and Yellowstone Park in the South are some of the precious and delicious moments we still savor.

We were in Montana for four years. The math department faculty treated us like family members. The town treated us like celebrity. We were the only Indian family in town. The townspeople behaved as though they were not just glad—but proud—of our being there. What a feeling! After a while, we felt that it was time to move on and left Montana in 1966.

In 1965 the chairman of mathematics at WSU contacted me through a mutual friend. I visited the campus and liked the young school and its future potential. Allyn

Hall was the only building on campus. We moved here in 1966.

I have enjoyed teaching at Wright State. People are very friendly. Nobody has given us any trouble of any kind. After a teaching career of forty years, I retired in 1993. With good friends, WSURA, a group of good MD's, and a great partner (same one for 43 years), I am having a ball!

****Dr. Gorowara** is a WSURA board member and faculty emeritus in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Retirement Concerns in the News

► In thinking about old age, people worry most about the following: declining health (46%); lack of money (38%); losing mental faculties (13%); having to depend on others (12%); becoming a burden on family (11%); being isolated or alone (9%); living in a nursing home or "old age" home (8%). These findings emerged in a recent wide-ranging AARP survey on attitudes toward longevity (*AARP Bulletin*, July-August, 1999, p. 6).

► People over fifty are the second-fastest-growing group on the Internet, trailing only 16-24 year-olds, according to a study last year by Nielsen Media Research and CommerceNet. Yet the over-50 group accounts for only 17 percent of the people who use the Internet... and only 25% of people over 60 own a computer, compared with 50 percent for the rest of the population. Companies such as Microsoft, Intel and America Online are distributing instructional videos on computer use, sponsoring training seminars, and creating Web sites that cater to the elderly. (*Dayton Daily News*, 5/18/99)

► Since 1993, STRS Ohio has grown from \$26.9 billion in assets to \$48 billion. Active membership has increased from approximately 267,000 individuals to almost 310,100 and the number of retirees has grown from 75,000 to 92,000 (STRS of Ohio, *1998 Report to Members*, p. 2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Through June 30, 1999, one hundred twenty-four PERS members and seventy-one STRS members processed the necessary paperwork to participate in the university's PERS and STRS Retirement Incentive Plans with benefit dates effective from July 1, 1998 through September 1, 1999. Since some members

are still tentative, we will wait until the list is confirmed before including it in the newsletter.

- The WSURA office moved to its new location, 126 Allyn Hall on June 11, 1999. Our student assistant will return in the fall, and regular office hours will be posted, beginning in September.
- Evelyn Beaty, WSURA board member and chair of the Sunshine Committee, keeps us informed about the health and general welfare of our members. Evelyn often visits those who are ill, sends cards when appropriate, and keeps in touch with retiree families, especially when there is a death in the family. Evelyn says, "We sincerely want to keep in touch with our retirees who are ill, or in the case of death, with their families. Please call me, after 4 p.m., at 878-1360, or contact the retiree office."

Treasurer's Report for May, 1999

Tom Keller

As of the end of the month, the account balance in our General Fund Rotary was \$1,434.54. Our expenses totaled \$362.57 and included \$322.05 for student wages, \$39.87 for telephone, and \$.65 for computer charges and a negative \$7.00 for ESPM. We had \$67 of income from ESPM sales.

The account balance in our agency account was a deficit of (\$275.11). We also had \$2,000 invested in a CD at National City which will mature in June. At that time we can deposit funds in our agency account to finish the year with a positive balance. Our earned interest income at that point will be approximately \$92 for the CD. Expenses totaled \$250.28, including \$6.59 for supplies, \$5.50 for copying, \$89.89 for duplicating, \$31.47 for Electrical Shop service charges and \$116.83 for postage. We had membership fee income of \$125.

Our total balance of all funds is \$3,159.43.

As of the end of the month we had 167 members, including 130 life members.

Kid Stuff

One day a space shuttle crashed to the ground in the yard of a pre school. When he finally struggled out of the wreckage, the astronaut shouted, "I'm free! I'm free!!!" At this point, one of the little children standing there shouted back, "Big deal, I'm four!"

Since we visited online Amazon.com for our selections in the last issue, we decided this time to browse among Barnes and Noble's offerings. Because a lack of money is the second major worry of aging Americans (see "Retirement Concerns in the News"), we have included books related to the economic/financial issues of retirement. Prices quoted below exclude shipping and handling.

Howells, John. *Retirement on a Shoestring* (paperback, 1995, \$7.16). Comments: Includes "sure-fire strategies" for saving money on utility bills, reducing the danger of crime, thriving as a single, enjoying enriched retirement—plus the fifty best affordable retirement locations. One reader notes, "I have read a lot of books on the subject of retirement. I view this as one of the best."

Orman, Suze and Linda Mead. *You've Earned It, Don't Lose It: Mistakes You Can't Afford to Make When You Retire* (paperback, 1997, \$12). Comments: Orman, a certified financial planner, "emphasizes the legal, medical, and estate planning aspects of retirement. Her manual promotes preserving rather than increasing wealth. Each of the eight chapters begins with a story of a retiree's mistake. Orman then discusses the mistake and provides guidelines for avoiding it. The topics she covers include long-term care insurance, trusts and wills, durable power of attorney for healthcare, and unscrupulous 'guardian angel' investment advisers."



Walker, David M. *Retirement Security: Understanding and Planning a Sound Financial Future* (hardcover, 1996, \$20.96). Comments: Key features include "comprehensive coverage of Social Security, Medicare, pensions, retiree health-care, personal savings, and more. *Clear explanations of the impact of demographics, economics, law, and politics on public and private sector programs and investments. *A straightforward and effective seven-step method for devising and implementing your personal retirement plan. *Crucial savings and investment principles to guide your retirement strategy. *Informed guidance on where to seek further information about your government and employer-provided retirement benefits."

Our four-star winner for retirement general reading (recommended by WSURA member Mary Stonecash):

Rosenfeld, Isadore. *Live Now, Age Later: Proven Ways to Turn Back the Clock* (hardcover, 1999, \$12). Comments: "From your appearance to your energy level, from arthritis to cancer and stroke, from osteoporosis and heart disease to hearing loss and vision problems, Dr. Rosenfeld tells you exactly how to delay, prevent, and treat the signs of aging." A customer says, "This wonderful book is a Godsend for many of us. I have given several copies to my friends and we all agree that it is a treasure of wisdom for folks."

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

—Rick Wegmann ('82 M.B.A.), chairman and CEO of Digital Concepts, Inc. (DCI), received the 1999 WSU Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award, presented at the annual Alumni Achievement Award dinner. Wegmann was honored for his entrepreneurship and his valuable service to the Wright State community (*AlumNews*, May 1999).

—Wright State held its 32nd semiannual commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 12, in the Ervin J. Nutter Center. The university received 1,935 applications for graduation, including 34 associate degrees, 1,271 bachelor's degrees, 525 master's degrees, six philosophy doctorates, 96 medical doctorates and three educational specialists.

—James Sayer, chair and professor of communication and the recipient of this year's Trustee's Award for Faculty Excellence, presented the commencement address. G. Wilkinson Wright, grandnephew of Wilbur and

Orville Wright, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree (*Dialogue*, June 11, 1999).

—WSU's Student Government put numerous programs into effect during the academic year. They (a) implemented "Reaching the Raiders" plan—the placement of signs throughout the campus, informing students about athletic events and other programs; (b) initiated the Book Swap which involved an on-line link from the SG Website, and a day-long event in the Student Union; (c) created formal dialogue between the university cabinet (Provost and vice presidents) and SG on school closings and clarified the formal process for WSU closings and delays; (d) assisted in establishing The Ohio Council of Student Governments, providing state-wide participation of student government leaders; (e) formulated a Legal Services program to help students with common misdemeanors—e.g., false identification, underage consumption, and landlord-tenant disputes; (f) devised a plan to protect WSU students from high risk credit card vendors. (*The Guardian*, June 2, 1999).

The annual Faculty, Staff, and Retiree picnic sponsored by the Wellness and Recreation Committee was held in the Garden of the Senses on June 16, 1999. There was plenty of free hot dogs, brats, and metts, vegetarian

sloppy joes, watermelon and chips, ice cream and beverages. And plenty of music, too, provided by the Kettering Banjo Association. A great day for friends and visiting and fun.

photo 1



Left to right: Evelyn Beaty, Doris Osborne, Jeri Knopp

photo 3



Left to right: Carol Hagen (ret), Bob Hiskey, Kent Strickland, Jim Uphoff (ret) (Celina campus)

photo 2



Musicians—from Kettering Banjo Association

photo 4



Left to right: Liz Harden, Nick Davis, Alice Swinger

7id Bits

From the Right Reverend:

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.

My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.

I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...

All reports are in. Life is now officially unfair.

If all is not lost, where is it?

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

Some days you're the dog, some days you're the fire hydrant.

I wish the buck stopped here. I sure could use a few...

Kids in the back seat cause accidents; accidents in the back seat cause kids.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.

WSURA MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Name: Date of Birth:
 Spouse's Name: Date of Birth:
 Primary Address: Phone:
 City: State: ZIP:
 Wright State Department at Retirement: Year of Retirement:
 Spouse's Department at Retirement: Year of Retirement:
 E Mail Address:


LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

- ☐ \$99.00 (under 60 years of age) ☐ \$44.00 (65 – 69)
☐ \$74.00 (60 – 64) ☐ \$16.00 (70 & ABOVE)

ANNUAL DUES:

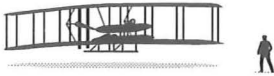
- ☐ \$ 8.00

NOTE: If you and your spouse are both retirees from WSU use the age of the younger spouse for determining the Lifetime fee. If you have paid the current annual fee and would like to become a Life Member, subtract the annual fee and remit the difference.

 Please clip and mail with your check. _____

Please fill in the information requested above and send it with your dues* (please do not send cash) to:

WSURA, Attn: Treasurer, 151 Allyn Hall, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435



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